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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/987,917 First Named Applicant: Joel Brian Derrico, et al.  
 Examiner: Gopal Ray Art Unit: 2111 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:  
 (1) Lisa K. Norton (2) Charles Watt  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: October 14, 2004 Proposed Time: 2:00 PM (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:  
 (1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference  
 with Mr. Watt participating by telephone  
 Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO  
 If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:  
We would like to discuss the attached amended claim 1

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lisa Norton  
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1. (DRAFT AMENDMENT) A computer network appliance, comprising:

a plurality of hot-swappable CPU server modules, wherein each server module is an independently-functioning computer;

at least one hot-swappable power module;

at least one hot-swappable ethernet switch module; and

at least one backplane board having a plurality of hot swap mating connectors,

wherein each of the CPU module, the power module and the ethernet switch module includes a hot swap connector for connecting with a specific hot swap mating connector of the backplane board the at least one backplane board interconnects each of the server modules with the at least one power module and the at least one ethernet switch module, such that the at least one power module and the at least one ethernet switch module can be used as a shared resource by the plurality of server modules.